HON'BLE SHRI G.S. SINGHVI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE

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HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE G.V. SEETHAPATHY

WRIT PETITION No. 14573 OF 2006

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Between:

Arepalli Srinivasa Rao and another

……Petitioners

And

The Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Revenue Department, Secretariat,
Hyderabad and two others

……Respondents

:: ORDER ::

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri G. Vidyasagar

Counsel for the Respondents : Government Pleader for Revenue

Dated: 20-07-2006

Per G.S. SINGHVI, CJ

In this petition, the petitioners have prayed for striking down Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 as inserted by Andhra Pradesh Amendment Act No.4 of 1999 (for short 'the Act') and Rule 2(b) of the Andhra Pradesh Registration (Prohibition of Registration of Certain Documents Opposed to Public Policy) Rules, 1999. Another prayer made by the petitioners is to quash endorsement dated 12-01-2006 made by Sub-Registrar of Assurances, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam.

Learned Government Pleader for Revenue fairly states that the case of the petitioners is squarely covered by order dated 28-01-2006 in Writ Petition No. 1554 of 2006 and Writ Petition No.3394 of 2006 decided on 23-02-2006.

In view of the stand taken by the learned Government Pleader, the writ petition is allowed in terms of orders dated 28-01-2006 and 23-02-2006 passed in Writ Petition No.1554 of 2006 and Writ Petition No.3394 of 2006 respectively and endorsement dated 12-01-2006 made by the Sub-Registrar of Assurances, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam is quashed. The detailed reasons recorded in orders dated 28-01-2006 and 23-02-2006 shall be read as part of this order.

As a sequel to disposal of the appeal, WPMP No.18148 of 2006 filed for suspension of the endorsement dated 12-01-2006 made by Sub-Registrar of Assurances is disposed of as infructuous.

G.S.SINGHVI, CJ

G.V. SEETHAPATHY,J

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